

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1349

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Susan Lynn for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost probity, and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Susan Lynn is one such distinguished public servant who has served both her constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction as a House member of the 103rd through the 106th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lynn has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 57th House District, and she has served her constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at her elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Susan Lynn has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of House District 57, who have evinced their firm belief in Representative Lynn's abilities as a legislator by electing her to serve four terms as their representative, a position in which she has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, born in the "Seat of Liberty" in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Susan Lynn graduated Cum Laude from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a minor in History; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Lynn currently renders sterling service as the Chairman of the House

Government Operations Committee and as a respected member of the Calendar and Rules Committee; the Commerce Committee; the Small Business Sub-Committee; and the House Republican Caucus's Budget and Tax Reduction Task Force and Ethics, Open Government, and Election Law Task Force; and

WHEREAS, throughout her storied tenure, Susan Lynn has been at the forefront of the conservative struggle to halt the encroachment of socialized medicine and to empower Tennesseans to control their own health care decisions; she authored the landmark Health Care Freedom Act and a State Constitutional Amendment that would make certain Tennesseans could not be forced to purchase health insurance and joined with Representative Debra Maggart in personally requesting Tennessee State Attorney General Robert Cooper to take the appropriate legal actions against the federal government once the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) was signed into law by President Obama; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart champion of state sovereignty and federalism, Representative Lynn authored the State Sovereignty Resolution, affirming Tennessee's sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and demanding the federal government cease its practice of assuming powers and imposing mandates upon the states for purposes not enumerated by the Constitution. Her intrepid venture to defend the powers of the states from the dangers of an overreaching federal government overwhelmingly passed the House and the Senate in June of 2009 and has become model legislation, with many other states subsequently filing similar resolutions; and

WHEREAS, she was also the driving force behind the Anti-Card Check Resolution, the Anti-Menu Labeling Act, and the Cap and Trade Nullification Act, which would require legislative approval prior to the adoption of regulatory programs concerning greenhouse gas emissions or motor vehicle fuel economy; and

WHEREAS, standing as a beacon of hope for freedom-loving Americans everywhere, Susan Lynn and her valiant efforts have been recognized nationally by Fox News and the Wall Street Journal, and she's been invited to speak at state sovereignty conferences in Nebraska and Georgia, as well as many Tea Parties throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable individual who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Representative Lynn has graciously donated her time and energies to many community and civic organizations, including serving with distinction as an Advisory Board Member of the Heartland Institute, Honorary Board Member of the West Wilson Community Arts Alliance, the 2008 Chairman of the Chamber Government Committee, and as a valued member of the Feingold Association of the United States, the National Rifle Association, the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, the Macon County Chamber of Commerce, the Mount Juliet Chamber of Commerce, the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, Republican Women of West Wilson County, the Wilson County Republican Party, and the Hendersonville Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Susan Lynn is also responsible for researching and developing policies that enhance economic prosperity in her influential role as the National Chairman of the Commerce Task Force for the American Legislative Exchange Council, an important organization which develops model legislation to implement conservative policies regarding workers' compensation reform, labor deregulation, union reforms, and insurance and financial services; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lynn is recognized throughout the Great State of Tennessee as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes her conscience and has received a plethora of prestigious endorsements for her laudable efforts, including from the National Federation of Independent Businesses; the National Rifle Association; the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce; the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 83; and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4144; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Susan Lynn is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Juliet; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive professional, Representative Lynn also serves with acumen and alacrity as a businesswoman in the Mount Juliet community; and

WHEREAS, Susan Lynn has received numerous awards and honors during her exemplary career, including the 2006 Greater Nashville Regional Council's Legislator of the Year, 2007 NFIB Champion of Small Business Award, 2008 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award, Hann's Seidel Memorial Fellowship, 2006 Friend of Home Schooling Award, 2006 World

Trade Council Essay Award, 2006 Rush Limbaugh Feminazi Resistance Award, and *The Tennessee Journal* Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious career as a public servant, Susan Lynn has worked tirelessly on behalf of her constituents, bringing to her office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, dearly loved by all of her colleagues for her quick wit as well as her sense of style, Representative Lynn is known for her appreciation of purple ties and has inspired many of her fellow caucus members to don them on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, Susan Lynn always endeavors to go above and beyond the call of duty, and the enthusiastic members of the House Government Operations Committee were riveted by her first, and the only, Rule Making Process flow chart in the history of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, having proven herself to be a thoughtful and dedicated leader, Representative Lynn is eager to offer herself for public service in a new capacity and is seeking to represent the 18th Senatorial District next year; and

WHEREAS, her many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Susan Lynn is most appreciative of the love and companionships she shares with her husband, Michael, and she is the proud mother and devoted mother-in-law of Michael, Jr., and Alissa Lynn and Grace and Ben Douchette; and

WHEREAS, Representative Susan Lynn is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized for her distinguished tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Susan Lynn for her meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend her for her countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 57th House District, and extend to her our best wishes for much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.